(b) Second Class and Sleeper Class passenger services account for most of the losses. Geographical sector- wise data is not maintained by the Railways.

(c) No additional freight per tonne has been imposed on goods traffic on account of losses on passenger services.

Gauge conversion of Bhiladi-Samdari rail link

3366. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work related to gauge conversion between Bhiladi-Samdari has been completed in all respect in this sector;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the gauge conversion would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The gauge conversion of Bhiladi-Samdhari is in progress. The main line has been linked and Engine trial of complete section has been done on 11.11.2009.

The finishing works are in progress. The gauge conversion is likely to be completed by the end of January, 2010.

Trains between Kasganj-Mathura section

3367. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trains running on Kasganj-Mathura section before and after conversion of gauge;

(b) whether train services have deteriorated after gauge conversion;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to augment train services on that section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Prior to Gauge conversion of Mathura-Kasganj section, 7 pairs of train services (3 pairs of mail/Express services and 4 pairs of passenger trains) were operating on the Meter Gauge section. At present *i.e.* after gauge conversion, 5 pairs of special train services (2 pairs of mail/Express services and 3 pairs of passenger trains) are operating on the said Broad gauge section. To cater to the needs of the section, one pair of passenger train has been announced in the Railway Budget, 2009-10, which is in addition to the one pair of Express train service *viz.* 5107/5108 Mathura-Chhapra Express announced in Railway Budget, 2008-2009.